

RAGING INFERNO: While firemen battle with water, flames pour from Twin City Plating Co. plant at 700 North Shore drive, Benton Harbor. All available firemen from Benton Harbor were activated. They were aided by men and trucks from St. Joseph

city and St. Joseph township departments, and volunteers from Benton township. A breeze from the north, pushed smoke through much of the city. (Staff photo)

Secretary Rogers Expresses Optimism For Mideast Peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State William P. Rogers was back in the capital today to give President Nixon a mildly optimistic report on his efforts to find an opening to a peaceful

Arab-Israeli settlement. Rogers spent two weeks and covered 18,000 miles in Europe and the Mideast in his search for areas of agreement between the two sides. He told newsmen

upon his arrival in Washington Sunday night: "I think the difference between the parties has narrowed some and I think both sides generally would like to move toward peace." He added he is "somewhat more encouraged" about the Mideast than when he left.

Rogers, who had an afternoon meeting scheduled with the President, pointed cautiously to the possible reopening of the Suez Canal as a likely starting point that could lead to a wider agreement.

Assistant Secretary of State Joseph Sisco had spent four hours Sunday with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat discussing the canal opening, particularly concerning views Rogers had taken from early meetings with Israeli leaders.

A possible reopening of the canal has been discussed often in recent weeks, with the largest obstacle being who should control the area held by Israel east of the canal in Sinai.

Rogers is said to have been told in talks Thursday and Friday with leaders in Jerusalem that Israel would permit some Egyptian presence on the east bank. But there was no agreement about who could cross and how many.

SUMMONS SISCO

Rogers felt this important enough to summon Sisco from Washington Saturday for the Sadat meeting. Sisco set out for Washington immediately after the Cairo session.

Rogers said Sunday the Sisco mission was useful, adding the Egyptians were giving careful attention to the views passed on by the assistant secretary.

Nevertheless, an Egyptian spokesman said Sunday "There is no change in the situation... the differences continue to be great between the Egyptian and

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CHIEF INVESTIGATES

The investigation today was to be headed by Fire Chief Harold Gaddie and Capt. John Billups, fire marshal, reported Capt. Roy Hearn.

Hearn said the investigation would include a close examination of electrical panels, wherever possible. Hearn said that at this time, there is no reason to expect that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Flames during the early period of the fire shot hundreds of feet into the air, and dense smoke, carrying the odor of chemicals, spread rapidly from the plant on the north side, over the entire Twin Cities area. Firemen received calls from concerned citizens on the south side of the city, because of the smoke and odor.

Firemen returned to the plant at 4:45 a.m. Sunday to put out a minor blaze that rekindled from the rubble of the building and equipment.

Fire Capt. Robert Jones reported that by the time the first truck arrived shortly after 8:02 p.m., flames already were breaking through the roof and smoke was pouring through doors and windows. The roof soon fell through, but the brick walls remained upright in most areas.

Lovelace said the company employs 25 persons, and called the fire a "tragedy." He said business had been picking up rapidly over the last two months. He said the closing Saturday was the first time the plant had been closed on a Saturday during the past two months.

Lovelace said some of the smaller job orders might be run at a plating plant at Plainwell in Allegan county, owned by Leo Lovelace, father of the local partners.

Lovelace said also that one small production line appeared to be salvageable for use and much of the office equipment escaped the fire. He said the plant's production still would be closed down for at least two or three weeks. He said as many employees as possible will be used for varied duties.

INVENTORY DESTROYED

Commenting on the loss, Lovelace said the fire destroyed virtually all inventory, as well as plant and equipment. Included in the inventory, he said, were about 2,800 completed five-foot truck grills for GMC trucks. Lovelace said these

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PROFIT TAKING

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Editorial Page

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Michigan Heads For No Fault Divorce

In surprising contrast to the manner in which it is tippy-toeing toward abortion reform, the Michigan House voted Friday 72-22 for no fault divorce.

The bill moves along to the Senate where capital reporters indicate an equally good prospect for approval.

If the Senate concurs and the measure clears Governor Milliken's desk, Michigan will join Texas, Iowa, California in clearing the silent collusion behind the vast majority of divorce actions.

The Michigan law, similar to that in most states, lists specific grievances as grounds for divorce, either absolute or partial (separate maintenance). They are cruelty, adultery, desertion, habitual intoxication and conviction of a felony. For many years the courts construed cruelty to mean physical abuse. In more recent times this has been enlarged to embrace mental cruelty.

The proposed bill would substitute a single, all-inclusive test for the specific charges. It would be a determination by the court the marriage has so deteriorated that the union's objects have been destroyed and there is no reasonable likelihood the marriage can be saved.

The bill does not change existing mechanisms relative to alimony, property settlements, child support, and custody of minor children.

The bare statistics on divorce are readily available. Something like one in four marriages will be severed through judicial action.

Unknown is how many marriages are really working, that is, what number of them in Michigan, for example, display an outward solidity when in fact one or possibly both partners is exhibiting conduct just short of the various specific grounds for divorce.

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Wrong Number

Ask enough people a silly question and the results are likely to prove surprising. The British post office, which also runs the telephone system, has established several numbers on which callers may contact Peter Rabbit, Reddy Fox, Johnny Chipmunk and Grandfather Frog.

That, contends the post office, is what came from its research into what millions of Britons want when they dial the telephone. Bedtime stories came the response. Bedtime stories it is. Six minutes worth for a nickel.

It is entirely possible that the post office is having its leg pulled. After all, what would any unsuspecting person reply if asked what he expected when he dialed the telephone?

Certainly not Dr. Spock!

Better Alternative

Few doubt any longer than the railroads in the United States need help to regain their economic vigor. If a shock was needed to convince the skeptical, the Penn Central bankruptcy provided it. Nor is Amtrak, the new national rail passenger service, likely to prove the final answer.

Periodic calls for nationalization of the rails can be heard from those who recognize the need for a continued rail system, but who fall short in understanding the reason for the rail's plight.

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is available.

psychiatrists and marriage counsellors are any valid indicator, possibly a third or a half of today's unions exist in name rather than in truth.

Well known but not advertised by the courts and the attorneys is the collusive element in the divorce procedure.

Any fault by the applicant for divorce can defeat the action if the respondent chooses to defend the case. As a practical matter the defense is raised almost solely to drive a bargain on child custody or the financial aspects of the separation. Once the warring partners have threshed out who gets what, the applicant then proceeds to obtain a default judgment upon his or her undisputed testimony, plus one or two corroborating witnesses, that the respondent is an unmitigated skunk.

The no fault system would eliminate that camouflage for the more realistic test of whether a leaky ship can weather the storm.

The basic argument against divorce is the nature of monogamous society itself.

Most of organized society, centuries ago, decided that for its own perpetuation and the safety of its members the male and female should pair off rather than cohabit in a free love commune which the Manson murder trial in California recently brought to light.

Although several ancient civilizations, notably Rome's, provided for divorce, the propulsive theme behind marriage is a life-long contract which for reasons of public policy should not be breached or if a termination is permitted, then only under severe restrictions.

The personal strain posed by this immutable view is subordinated to a requirement assumed by the society in which the couple lives.

Therefore, divorce is regarded from an official stance as allowing the individual to set aside a cardinal principle of society at large.

The policy may be sound, but it doesn't fit human nature.

Unlike the geese and the swans who mate for life, a great many men and women discover their initial decision was reached through faulty evidence, that their first impressions were taken through the wrong end of the telescope.

Some can or do make the best of that bad bargain. Most can not.

Enforcing a bad bargain to the very end thwarts the purpose which the contract was to serve. So does severing it by exacting undue penalties.

No fault divorce is a better answer than the present system for making the best of a poor situation.

The assumption that government managers could do what private managers cannot is a fallacy. Nationalization might be able to keep the trains running, but the cost to the taxpayers would be astronomical.

Forgetting for the moment the tremendous investment which would be required, nationalization also would mean removing the railroads from the tax rolls. Numerous counties across the U.S. now rely on the railroads as their largest taxpayers, and the railroads also contribute heavily to state and federal tax coffers. All of that would be lost.

In addition, it is logical to assume that government operation also would produce heavier operating losses, particularly if the railroads were operated under the same archaic restrictions and regulations which burden them under private ownership.

A freer hand to compute, innovate and improve under the rules of free enterprise is a far better solution to railroad problems. Remove some of the cumbersome red tape and regulation which bind rail operations and the lines can pull themselves up by their own bootstraps.

If the need for rail service truly exists, that is what will happen. If it does not, nationalization can perpetuate nothing but a rising deficit.

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California scientists have been studying health or lack of it in city-dwelling sparrows in an effort to further determine the effects of air pollution. Good idea—maybe the little birds will tell them.

Bandits in Turin, Italy, held up and robbed a company guard of a bag he was carrying. Now they're left holding the bag. It contained his lunch.

A shepherded dog fled safely through a mine field from East Germany to West Germany. Apparently the Reds were leading the poach a dog's life.

Opening Bid



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ST. JOE SNIPS LOSING STREAK

The St. Joseph Bears ended their three game losing streak with a vengeance at Dickinson Field.

The Bears — backed Craig Carlson's one hit pitching with an 18-hit attack that buried the Dowagiac Chiefs 15-0 in a Big Six conference game.

START FIGHT IN LEGISLATURE

The state was set today for lively legislative battles over restrictions on billboard advertising and repeal of an anti-discrimination ruling in real estate deals.

Both were readied for a final vote after opponents lost bids Monday night to send them back to House committees for quick burials.

STRAWBERRIES 20c EACH

London housewives shopping today found these price tags on

some of their favorite edibles:

Strawberries — 20 cents each, not each basket, each strawberry. Cucumbers — 50 cents each; tomatoes — 30 cents each; lettuce — 20 cents for a head with about four leaves on it; and mushrooms — 60 cents a pound.

ADDITION

A small addition to the Upton Machine company plant will be at the Edgewater factory starting next week. The structure will be 20 by 12 feet and of materials to match the other buildings. The Schlitt Brothers construction company has been awarded the contract.

ATTENDS MEETING

Dr. J. J. McDermott of the St. Joseph Sanitarium is in Grand Rapids attending the Michigan Homeopathic Society meeting.

RETURNS HOME

George K. Pixley of Niles avenue has returned home from

NEEDS WORKERS

Nate Gifford has a contract to remove the 10,000 yards of dirt for the Vandala railroad on Water street and also for removing the sand that has drifted against Plank's Tavern and for grading the ground. He is advertising for ten teams to do the work.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

STINKY BAND ALIGNMENT

Dear Blossomtime committee:

I read in the paper your explanation of why the Lancer band was not allowed to march by Miss Blossomtime. I personally think that it stinks.

Every band is proud that some one from their school was given this honor. Why, then is St. Joe and Benton Harbor so privileged as to be the only ones to escort Miss Blossomtime?

I'm sure that the queen would really rather have her hand up there by her rather than some one else's.

Don't take me wrong. I think that St. Joe and Benton Harbor are excellent bands but that doesn't mean the best has to be first.

The queen is representing her town and so is the band. So why then do all the other bands march by their queens but not the band that represents Miss Blossomtime? The other bands represent Blossomtime just as much as St. Joe and Benton Harbor.

I think this is unfair and unjust.

I hope this is changed in the future so other bands will have the honor to march by their queen if she is chosen Miss Blossomtime.

A DISTURBED LANCER, P. O. Box 137 Stevensville.

IT HAPPENED

On this day in 1775, Ethan Allan and his "Green Mountain Boys" stormed the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N. Y.

IT'S BEEN SAID

In nature things are neither rewards nor punishments—they are consequences.—Robert Ingersoll.

BORN TODAY

For a half century, until his death in 1968, Karl Barth was a prominent figure in the Protestant theology and a world leader in Christian teaching.

Barth achieved almost instant fame with the publication of a book about the Epistles of the St. Paul to the Romans. He left unfinished his most important work entitled "Church Dogmatics."

5—What was the ancient name of Scotland, now used poetically?

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

FROLIC SOME—(FROLICK-SEM)—adjective: merrily playful; full of fun.

YOUR FUTURE Your prospects this year are much better than recently. Work hard. Today's child will be of a very conservative nature.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT? 1—Corsica, Elba and St. Helena.

2—A Greek lyric poetess who flourished about 600 B.C.

3—The study of the remains of ancient civilizations.

4—Great Britain.

5—Caledonia.

Factographs

The Yukon is the longest river in Alaska.

Canberra is the capital of Australia.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

A sudden feeling of dizziness comes over me whenever I lie down or sit up. It lasts for a moment and can happen 10 or 12 times a day.

Can you explain this?

Mr. M. P. Y., N. J.

Dear Mr. Y.: I know from the rest of your letter that you are 57 years old and that you pride yourself on never having been to a doctor.

This is, indeed, an accomplishment and I am sorry to hear that your record is being spoiled at the moment.

I am going to urge you to see Dr. Coleman a doctor, not because your complaints are serious, but rather because they deserve attention.

In most instances, a momentary sense of dizziness such as you describe is due to relatively low blood pressure. With a rapid change of position there may be an insufficient amount of blood flowing to the brain.

This would account for the feelings you describe.

During the complete physical examination that I suggest you have, your heart and lungs and blood circulation will be checked.

Blood pressure readings can readily determine if yours is high or low.

In the meantime, you can try to avoid making any rapid change of position and see if

that does not help.

While I was attending a prize fight, my heart began to pump violently. Could nervous excitement do this?

Mr. N. R., Ill.

Dear Mr. R.: The excitement associated with some sports most certainly can produce the kind of palpitation you describe.

In most instances this is not serious, yet its cause certainly should be tracked down.

A drink or two before the match, increased consumption of cigarettes during the match, and emotional tension, could well be responsible for the palpitation.

What is a "glucose tolerance" test?

Miss A. U., Kan.

Dear Miss U.: This is an important diagnostic test for many medical conditions. After a period of fasting, the patient is given a small amount of sugar by mouth.

Blood samples are then taken at fixed intervals to measure changes in the quantity of sugar in the blood.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Don't use any sprays in a small, confined room.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, scented stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper

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Twin City
News

Suits Pay Off For Dependent Children



CLIPPER SHIP MODEL: A proud possession of Coloma Township Supervisor Roger Carter is this model of a Clipper ship like ones his great grandfather sailed on the Atlantic Ocean in the 1800s. Carter said the model ship also sailed across Paw

Paw Lake without sinking over 20 years ago. The model was made by Daniel Dieleman 30 years ago and was acquired by Carter 15 years ago. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Paw Paw Lake Clipper Ship Model Finds Home In Coloma

COLOMA—A model Clipper ship which is believed to have sailed across Paw Paw Lake over 20 years ago has found a home with Coloma Township Supervisor Roger Carter.

The model, said Carter, has great meaning to him because his great grandfather, Elkanah Carter, once captained a clipper ship over the Atlantic Ocean in the late 1800s.

According to Carter, the model, measuring 4½ feet long and 4 feet tall was built by Daniel Dieleman of Riverside some 30 years ago.

Carter said, "I was told that this model really sailed across Paw Paw Lake many years ago, thus making it, to the best of my knowledge, the only Clipper ship to sail the lake."

"I've never seen a truer model than this one," said Carter, "every detail is to perfection, and all the sails, jibs, spankers, and flies work on the model."

Clipper ships were the fastest cargo ship in existence in their day and carried a wide variety of cargo to numerous ports throughout the world.

Champion Promotes Ed Cook



EDWARD M. COOK

Edward M. Cook of St. Joseph has been appointed Industrial sales manager of Champion Pneumatic Machinery Co., Inc., according to George McKewen, president of Champion.

In Cook's newly-created position, he will be responsible for Champion's continued development in industrial distribution markets, and the further introduction of increased-capacity air compressors to these markets. His work will be closely coordinated with Champion representatives in charge of territorial industrial assignments.

Cook has been with Champion since November, 1968, serving as special industrial representative for mid-western industrial markets distribution. His former position with the Westinghouse Pneumatic Equipment Division gives him over 20 years of experience in the industrial distribution of air compressors, air tools and related air accessories.

Cook and his family now reside at 1887 Lasein, St. Joseph. In his new capacity as

industrial sales manager, Cook will be located at Champion's Princeton, Ill., office and factory.

Dick Greene Gets Degree From U-M

Richard A. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan W. Greene, former residents of the twin cities now of New York City, has received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Michigan and will reside in Barrington, Ill.

The older Greene was former president of Iteach company and Twin City Chamber of Commerce until 1963.

Wins Promotion

Cadet Frank Joseph Bunker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bunker, 2708 Highland Court, St. Joseph, has been promoted to sergeant at Howe Military school, Howe, Ind.

Kindergarten Signup At Three BH Schools

Kindergarten registration will be Wednesday at Calvin Britain, Bard and Martindale elementary schools of the Benton Harbor district.

Hours are 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. at Calvin Britain and Martindale; 1-3 p.m. at Bard. Children who will be five years old by Dec. 1, 1971, are eligible to be registered. Parents should bring birth certificates and immunization records.

Lack Of Rain

Grass, Brush Fire Calls Up

Absence of normal rainfall during April was reflected in Benton Harbor fire department reports showing that nearly 20 per cent of the fire runs for the month were to extinguish brush or grass blazes.

Harold Gaddie, fire chief, stated that of 52 fire runs made during April, ten involved brush or grass fires. This compared to only two of 54 fire runs made in April, 1970, Gaddie stated.

The brush and grass calls this April were followed by seven calls, each, involving burning autos and fires from electrical appliances. Careless smoking was attributed to three fires in April of this year and also in April, 1970.

RUNS FROM CENTRAL

April marked the first month of fire department operations without units based at the South side station on Empire Avenue. All 52 runs were from the central station at city hall. In April, 1970, the 54 runs included 32 from central station and 22 from the South side station.

Total fire alarms to date for fiscal 1970-71 totaled 457 at the end of April, compared to 479 at the same time last year, Gaddie reported.

The department's housing inspection in April received 127 requests for inspection of rental units, compared to 113 such requests in April, 1970. During April, the department inspected 14 buildings and 22 dwelling units, issued 30 orders for compliance and 23 certificates of compliance.

TRAFFIC TOLL
MICHIGAN TRAFFIC DEATHS
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
May 10 State Police count
This year 593
Last year 682



SURPRISE FOR PRESIDENT: Herbert D. Mendel, (left), president of Benton Harbor's Michigan Standard Alloys, Inc., was presented a plaque "for 23 years of benevolent, individual service to company and community" at a surprise ceremony on his birthday, Saturday evening. Presenting the plaque was Fred Sims, a 21-year veteran of Michigan Standard Alloys. Mendel was lured out on the pretext of a dinner then the presentation was made at the home of Carl P. Ackerman, Fairplain. (Staff photo)

Special Prosecutor Unit Zeroes In On Delinquent Fathers

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Civil suits by a special unit of the Berrien prosecutor's office to collect child support from fathers of children on Aid to Dependent Children grants are a success though the plan is less than three months old.

Ronald Moses, assistant prosecutor heading the special unit, reported he has filed 98 civil suits to date in Berrien circuit court and has obtained consent judgments calling for child support payments by fathers in 47 of them. Most of the balance are pending and a few have become moot when the parties reconciled or filed suit for divorce, which results in court-ordered child support.

Over the next 12 months, the 47 consents will produce some \$60,000 in child support payments, nearly double the cost of operating Moses' unit for a year, he said.

LEAVE FAMILIES

Most of the suits are against husbands who have left their families but have not been sued for divorce. These fathers were in a category that went virtually untouched for child support in the past, except for occasional criminal prosecutions for disorderly non-support that did not necessarily result in support payments.

In divorce cases, circuit judges routinely order temporary and later permanent child support payments from husbands. In paternity cases, women who complain to the prosecutor or seek ADC for an illegitimate child result in the alleged father being called to court. If he's found to be the father, the court orders regular support.

The 98 suits may only be scratching the surface.

"I don't see any slowdown," Moses said.

BEGAN IN FEBRUARY

The special prosecutor's unit, working with Berrien Social Services department and the Berrien friend of the court, began filing suits for child support in early February. Most are for husbands out of the home, but a few are against fathers of illegitimate children.

The 47 cases settled by consent judgments call for weekly support payments of \$4 to \$33 per child and an average of about \$12 per child, Moses said.

Payments are based on a schedule varying according to the father's income and number of dependents. In all of the cases the children are on ADC, Moses said.

Fourteen persons were arrested.

Some 200 officers were arrested in the twin cities for parade traffic duties and about 30 remained on duty to assist in the raids co-ordinated by the Berrien county sheriff's department.

Moses said.

WILLING TO PAY

"They're very willing to pay, usually," he said. "They recognize they have an obligation to support the child or children. They have various reasons for

not paying in the past — usually financial — but once we bring the action they realize they have an obligation first to their children."

In many suits, fathers have been paying some support direct to the mothers, but often less than the court payment schedule, he said.

Consent judgments are effective until the children reach age 18 so the 47 suits should represent hundreds of thousands

of dollars over a period of years, Moses said.

The mothers, who provide information to the county social services and Moses' staffs, are "very cooperative," Moses said.

"At first I thought there would be some hard feelings, but there's been no hard feelings on anyone's part."

"It's for the children."

Payments by these fathers through court consent judgments help stabilize the

mothers' ADC checks by replacing an erratic system of voluntary direct payments, Moses said.

Also, a father who signs a consent judgment eliminates the threat of criminal prosecution for disorderly non-support.

Fathers who don't obey consent judgments — Moses knows of only one to date — leave themselves open to contempt of court citations and a possible stay in jail.



PROTEST WAR: A group of local youths staged a sit-in in front of the Berrien county jail this weekend to protest the war in Vietnam. The group began the sit-in following the Blossom parade Saturday and were still in front of the jail this morning. The number of protesters ranged in number from 15 to 32, depending on the time and the weather. Police who reported the protesters orderly, made no arrests. (Staff photo)

Twin Cities Gambling Raid Brings 14 Arrests

Twin Cities area police swooped down on 15 houses in Benton Harbor and Benton township Saturday in raids on alleged gambling activities only hours after the Blossom Parade.

Fourteen persons were arrested.

Some 200 officers were arrested in a raid last Wednesday.

Others were arrested in a similar police operation, but on a smaller scale. He added that the gambling encountered in this area appears to be strictly local operations, not connected to a sweeping series of arrests nationally that involved a few members of the Detroit police department.

Arrested Saturday on charges of possession of gambling material were: Laura Potts, 41, of 118 Plum court, Benton township; Nathaniel Williams, 52, of 285 Pine street, Benton township; Annie Lee Jackson, 42, of 1230 Blossom lane, Benton township; and Barbara Jean Page, 26, of 884 Waueda, Benton township; Cass L. Yates, 45, of 135 Clay street, Benton Harbor; Augusta Parker, 42, of 696 Buss; and Lillie Parker, 42, of the same address, Benton Harbor; and Anna Cotton, age not given, of 140 Oden, Benton Harbor. Mrs.

Cotton also was booked for possession of an unregistered gun.

Booked for being inmates of a disorderly house were: Willie Hassel, 52, of 410 Felton, Benton township; Reola May Blake, 28, of 150 Cornelia, Benton township; William Norwood, Jr., 51, of 208 Pack, Benton township; William Carl Norwood, III, 31, of 840 East High, Benton Harbor; and Robert Foster, 41, of 741 Highland, Benton Harbor.

Service Manager Is Named



Charles Magner has been named service manager of Ned Gates Chevrolet, Inc., 399 West Britain avenue, Benton Harbor.

Magner will be in charge of the mechanical department and body shop. Foy Disimone, service manager for 16 years, will be service parts coordinator in an advisory capacity.

Magner of 3711 East Trail Lane, St. Joseph, formerly was vice president of B'som and Motors, Inc., 159 M-130, Benton township.

Police Say Pilot Flying Too Low

Benton Harbor state police pulled over a single-engine airplane Saturday and issued a summons to the pilot for flying too low over St. Joseph. They had to follow the pilot to the airport before they could issue the summons, though.

Troopers said the pilot, James Garland Watkins, 35, of Route 3, Benton Harbor, was flying a Cessna 175 at an altitude of 1250 feet during the Blossom Parade, whereas the minimum altitude allowed is 1500 feet.

Troopers followed Watkins to Ross Field airport after another trooper, Donald Lagone, reported he saw a smoke ejector unit about 11:10 p.m.

Hanoi Grant Asked

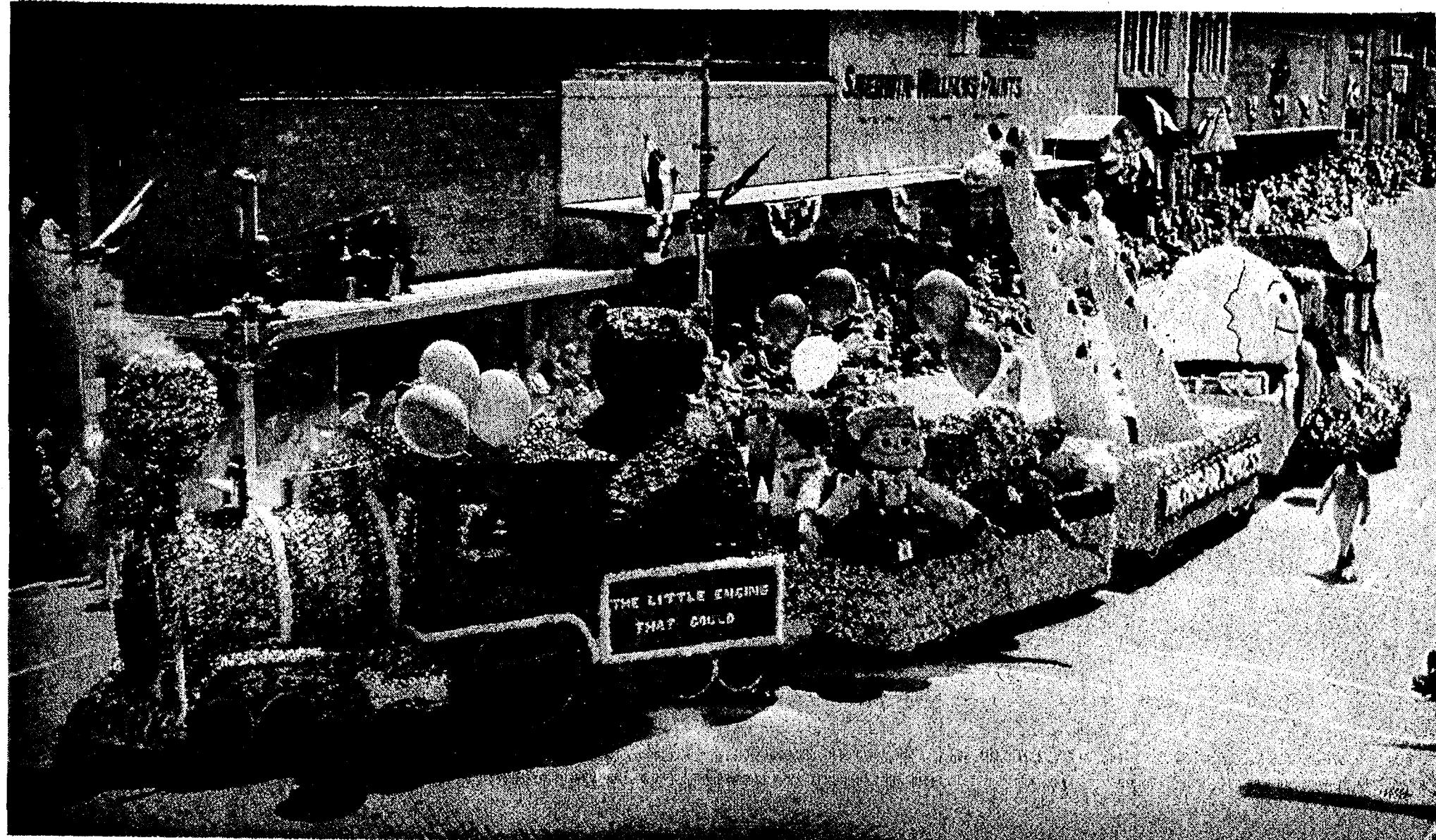
CHICAGO (AP) — Two University of Chicago scientists have asked Hanoi for a grant to study ways of rehabilitating North Vietnamese land destroyed by the Indochina war.

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Clark's Float An All-Time Spectacular



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER: This spectacular creation by the Clark Equipment company took sweepstakes honors in Saturday's

Blossom Parade. The toy train bedecked with zoo animals also won animation and floral awards. Theme of the four unit float was

"The Little Engine That Could." It was a float that could do just about everything—the engine smoked, the giraffes' heads

moved about and the other figures also were quite active as the train snaked its way down the parade route. (Photo by Harry Smith)



SWEEP SWEEPSTAKES: Clark Equipment Company's three grand floral parade trophies are shared by five persons who helped direct its construction. The Clark entry, "The Little Engine That Could," won Sweepstakes, Animation and Floral awards—the maximum number any float could win. From

left are Merle Bujack, president of Clark's management club; Bob Greene, float committee co-chairman; Gladys Bisbing, designer; Jimmy Bever, construction manager and Richard Shafter, the other float committee co-chairman. (Staff photo)



TROPHY WINNERS: Trophy winners at the grand floral ball Saturday night at Shadowland include these from the southwestern Michigan area. From left are Dale Pallas of Dowagiac with the first place Beauty award; Hedy Kibler, of VFW Post

1137, Benton Harbor, with the President's award (Sweepstakes runner-up); Mrs. Robert Bender, Stevensville with theme award and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dilts of Coloma with second grand prize award. (Staff photos)

Blossomtime Parade Really Lives Up To Its Theme

By JERRY KRIEGER

County-Farm Editor

Like its own theme, the 1971 Blossom Parade Saturday was, indeed, "Moments to Remember!" And neighboring Coloma took second place in the division for its float that saluted Blossomtime from 1924 to 1971.

Mother Nature opened her arms wide to give the parade that was once canceled then revived a perfect setting of clear skies, full sunshine and perfect temperatures. After weeks of cold, reluctant early spring weather, the day was fitting to southwestern Michigan's colorful tribute to Spring.

The parade, featuring 34 floats and 25 marching bands plus a wealth of other entertainments, was slightly smaller in total length than recent years, but still a real pleaser to the approximately 175,000 to 200,000 spectators along the 2½-mile route through St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Police and civilian observers said the crowd appeared to be just slightly under the 1970 attendance.

Probably one of the all-time best floats in the 39-year history of the parade won the Sweepstakes award for Clark Equipment Co. Depicting the child's storybook tale of "The Little Engine That Could," the top winner was a giant, four-unit train that whistled, belched smoke and wove its way down the parade route. It carried a cargo of animated toys. Built by Clark employees in nearly eight weeks of work, the creation won the Sweepstakes honor for Clark Equipment for the second consecutive year.

EASY CHOICE Not only was it quickly named the Sweepstakes float, but the 100-foot-long Clark entry also earned the Animation award, for best use of moving parts, and the Floral award, for the best use of live flowers.

VFW Post 1137 of Benton Harbor earned the first runner-up award for its "America the Beautiful" float. By way of answer to all the slights directed at this country, the floats reminded the parade audience of what a beautiful land it is we live in.

Watervliet won first place in the big Community division

with a nostalgic float that recalled the "Era of the Big Bands — A Night at Crystal Palace," truly moments to remember! And neighboring Coloma took second place in the division, with a big float that told a story of "Freedom and Justice for All," and served to show NAACP Queen Deborah Lynn DeFrance and her court.

The North River Valley Jaycees, representing the Sawyer area, took second in this division.

The Salvation Army float, built to portray the idea that "Every Child Matters," was first in the Schools and Churches division. Second place honor went to the School Day memories evoked by the St. Joseph Gard school float.

The Theme award for the floats best portraying the themes represented went to the Stevensville Blossomtime League, which showed a "Day at the Zoo," and second place

went to the Women's division of the South Haven Chamber of Commerce, which told of happy times when the "Boat's In" in the lake steamer days.

BEAUTY AWARD

The Beauty award, for floats judged most attractive, elegant and picturesque, went to Dowagiac, first place, and the Muskegon Seaway Festival float, second place. The Dowagiac float described "A Visit to Disney's Fantasyland."

The originality award honors went to Niles Blossomtime, Inc., first place, for its "Babes in Toyland" creation, and to Aviation Services, second place, for its use of a real airplane on its float.

Kathy Reitz, whose pretty smile and wonderful personality, brought fame to her home town of Baroda and the title of Miss Blossomtime to herself, headed the field of notable personalities on hand for the parade. Queen Kathy was at the head of the parade on a float sponsored by Cito.

GOVERNOR MARCHES

Governor William Milliken walked the entire parade route and drew a steady rush of youngsters from the curbs to shake his hand.

Governor Milliken was grand marshal of the day, and honorary grand marshal was Rear Admiral Albin Weber, representing the Ninth Naval district in Chicago.

Another spotlight figure who attracted many autograph fans all along the line of march was Forrest Tucker, screen and TV actor.

Judges of the parade winners were James S. Bregman, 165-pound national judo champion; B. Dale Ball, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, and Orion Samuelson, farm service director of WGN-TV in Chicago.

Always a main essential of any parade, band music, was provided all along the parade route by 25 bands, most of them area high school aggregations.

Pat O'Malley was chairman of the well executed parade and Mike Smith was coordinator.

PARADE WINNERS

Following are the winning floats in the various divisions Saturday in the Grand Floral Parade:

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD

1. Clark Equipment Co.
2. VFW Post 1137.

COMMUNITIES DIVISION

1. Watervliet.
2. Coloma.

INDUSTRIES DIVISION

1. Blossomland Window Sales.
2. Twin Cities Banks.

CLUBS, LODGES & CIVIC DIVISION

1. NAACP.
2. North River Valley Jaycees (Sawyer).

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES DIVISION

1. Salvation Army.
2. Gard School.

THEME AWARD

1. Stevensville Blossomtime League.
2. South Haven C. of C.

BEAUTY AWARD

1. Dowagiac C. of C.
2. Muskegon Seaway Festival.

ORIGINALITY AWARD

1. Niles Blossomtime.
2. Aviation Services.

ANIMATION AWARD

1. Clark Equipment Co.

FLORAL AWARD

1. Clark Equipment Co.